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The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004-2403

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of the polyvinyl chloride (PVC) industry and its constituent companies, I am writing to ask the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) devote the necessary resources to complete the full reconsideration of the polyvinyl chloride maximum achievable control technology (PVC MACT) rule for PVC and copolymer production facilities.

PVC resin is the basic building block for PVC/vinyl plastic, which with the addition of other ingredients can be molded and processed into a range of products with performance qualities that people rely on every day. These products include noncorrosive PVC pipe for water infrastructure and building supply, energy efficient window frames and doors, easily cleaned resilient flooring and wall coverings, fire-safe wire insulation, insulated siding, cool roofing, life-saving medical applications such as blood storage and intravenous solution tubing, among other products.

EPA published its final PVC MACT rule on April 17, 2012. Due to technical errors in the rule, the PVC industry petitioned the agency for reconsideration. EPA recognized many of these errors and granted the PVC industry's request for reconsideration. However, the PVC MACT rule has now been under reconsideration for well over four years with EPA not committing to a completion date in a December 2016 Court update. Despite the uncertainty, the industry has invested over \$50 million to help EPA develop a technically sound final PVC MACT rule.

The continued uncertainty of this rule under reconsideration restricts future growth and expansion for domestic PVC producers. As it currently stands, no new facilities can be built because of the technical errors in the rule. During a time of widely available feedstocks and growth of petrochemicals in other polymer sectors, this effectively hamstring this critical industry to its current facilities. Given this, I respectfully ask that you place a high priority, consistent with your existing processes and guidelines, on completing this statutorily grounded rule.

Thank you for your consideration with respect to this important matter. Should you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Ethington of my staff at [Ryan.Ethington@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ryan.Ethington@mail.house.gov) or 202.225.2231.

Sincerely,

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